House District 24

John A. Palmatier, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: March 3, 1959

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage, Alaska

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OCCUPATION: Carpenter's Business Agent

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 43 years

Anchorage 1959-1972, 1977 to present

Eagle River 1972-1977

EDUCATION:

Chugiak High School, 1973-1977; Anchorage Community College, 1980, A.S., Natural Science, AS, Social Science; University of Alaska Anchorage, 1982, B.S., Biological Science.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Anchorage Census 2000 Complete Count Committee, Mayoral appointment.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Western Alaska Building Trades Executive Board, Carpenters Local 1281 Executive Board, Buy Alaska Advisory Committee.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Cub Master, Pack 268; Alaska Hemophilia Association, Board member and former President; PTA member Roger's Park Elementary.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Hunting and fishing, spending time with my family.

OTHER:Public Service Awards for work with the UAA Small Business Advisory and the School to Work program.

STATEMENT:

I have lived in the Anchorage area my entire life, so I understand the needs of the community and have seen how the decisions made in Juneau effect the people here. I know first-hand the value of hard work and the demands of raising a family. The decisions made at the state level should enhance the safety of our families, our children's education and our jobs.

We cannot sacrifice our children's future in the classrooms or in the neighborhoods. I support legislation that will give our public education system necessary resources to give our children what they deserve -- the best education available. The same applies to our public safety. I will stand behind law enforcement and public safety workers to ensure they can provide adequate protection for our children and for all Alaskans.

For Alaska to flourish, we need quality jobs and solid job training. I want to keep Alaska's jobs for Alaskans and promote growth through small business development. Alaskan businesses deserve to do Alaskan projects.

To have a strong future for Alaska, we need republicans and democrats working together to find intelligent solutions to the fiscal problem. No one-sided solution will solve the problem. We must adopt multiple solutions that will be fair to every Alaskan, including working Alaskans, and which will not hurt the private sector or any other group. Now is the time to come together and take action for the sake of our children and the future of this great state.

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